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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOL, EFIS, EC US

SUBJECT: NEPTUNE INCIDENT

REF: STATE 055597, KING-BREWSTER TELECON 3/13

1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF INDICATION THAT CAPTAIN BURISH DEPOSITED LETTER WITH NAVAL ZONE COMMANDER, PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM SALINAS. AMB CARDENAS SPOKE WITH VALDEZ ABOUT MATTER OF NEPTUNE INCIDENT FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION YESTERDAY AND AGAIN TODAY. HE LEARNED THAT ECUADOREAN NAVY HAS PREPARED LIST OF DAMAGES INCLUDING TORN CLOTHING, BROKEN TOOTH, ECT., WHICH ALLEGEDLY WERE SUFFERED BY ECUADOREAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN RETAKING CONTROL OF NEPTUNE.

2. CARDENAS SAYS VALDEZ TOLD HIM THIS AFTERNOON, HOWEVER, THAT GOE HAS NO RPT NO RECORD OF BURICH LETTER INCLUDING LIST OF OBJECTS STOLEN OR DAMAGED. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH LOCAL LEGAL COUNSEL OF AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSOCIATION
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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT LETTER AND OTHER INFORMATION WHICH

MAY COME OUT OF PROPOSED VISIT OF CAPTAIN BURICH TO
WASHINGTON, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE LEARN ANYTHING TODAY.

4. REGARDING OUR REQUESTS FOR EC NAVY INVESTIGATION
OF MARCH 6 AFFAIR (CONGEN IN SALINAS, ARA/EP HERE),
WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE ON THIS END AND UNAWARE IF EMBAS-
SY OR CONGEN HAS ANSWER FROM GOE. WOULD EMBASSY
PLEASE FOLLOW UP ON THIS MATTER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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